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wisdom,' and I commend to farmer boys the

advice of Hugh Miller, " Learn to make a

right use of your eyes.' The most distinguished men of all ages have been close stu-

dents of nature and observers of common

things." Yet in what common school is ob-

servation taught, or even suggested to the

pupils? We must defer further extracts from Professor Northrop's and other papers

"Comparative" or "Approximate."

Mr. A. H. Ward, in the North Carolina

regarding the prices at which they estimate

in this report to future issues.

ton well says, "To know those thing

How to Hang Pictures.

Railroad Time Table. CENTRAL VERMONT BAILBOAD LINE

mencing on Monday, February 14, 1881. Trains Going South and East. Leave Montpeller at 0.50 and 11.35 A. M., 6.55 r. M., and 11.00 r. M. Mail-From Ogdensburg, St. Albans and Burlington, beaves Moutpeller at F.S. A. R., for Boston, New York, etc. Express - From Mentreal, St. Albans, Burlington, Rut-land, etc., leaves Montpoller at 11.25 a. u., for Boston, via Lowell and Intermediate points. Mixed Train Loave St. Albans at 3.70 r. s., Burlington at 4.40 r. s., Montpeler at 6.50 r. s., for Northfield. the Express—From Ordensburg, Montreal, St. Al-lana and Buillation, leaves Montpeller at 11.50 r. M., for Reston via Lowell or Fitchburg, springfield, New York and Intermediate country.

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#### Agricultural Department.

T. H. HOSKINS, Agricultural Editor

fools their good and knaves their power Let fortune's lyabiles rise and fall Who sows a deld or trains a flower Or plants a tree is more than all.

And som or late, to all that sow The time of harvest shall be given; The flower shall bloom, the fruit shall grow, If not on surth, at least in heaven!

The Connecticut Agricultural Report

agricultural boards whose reports come to the value of the useful ingredients in comus, that of Secretary Gold of Connecticut, mercial fertilizers. It is now more than s in connection with Director Johnson's report year since we took that subject up, and of the Connecticut agricultural experiment called attention to the fact that not only station (both being bound together in the same volume) is by far the richest in good high, but that there was a distinction drawn teaching to the practical farmer whose edu-cation has been sufficient to enable him to soluble "phosphates, which has little founaction has been sufficient to enable him to appreciate any considerable degree its wealth of instruction. To say that Mr. Gold stands at the head among the very able societaries of the New Kogland agricultural board is high praise; but so far as we are able to judge be deserves it. And when we come to the experiment station report, (though, alas! we have no other in New England with which to compare til), it is easy to see that with Professor Johnson at its head we can hardly expect its equal to arise does not according to the state hard. As it is its more the good farmer than the good land that gives us a good farm, so an experimental station director like Johnson will, with small funds, bring out results that much more money in less able hands would fall to realize. If Vermont however, instead of allowing professor will be a state, and given him even the chance that careful Connecticut gives Johnson, Vermont might have stood allogised for the more stated to adopt the town of the state, had given him even the chance that careful Connecticut gives Johnson, Vermont might have stood allogised for the mother state in this good work. It is the greatest of pitter that only fave thousand copies of these compliance with the state of the continue of the state of the appreciate in any considerable degree its dation in the practical agricultural value wealth of instruction. To say that Mr. of those phosphates. As Mr. Ward is a co-

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They are very particular on this point in repard orous and common sense address. Says Pro-fessor Northrop: "The best way to elevate farming is to elevate the farmer. Muscle is reak; brains help the hands in all work. The best of all fertilizers is brains. Infarming, s everywhere, if knowledge is power ignoran impress on what he does, on the farm or the shop. Whatever elevates the farmer improves his farming. Whatever degrades finely ground, from the Charleston phosphates or ties, always dependent on labor, can be most can dignify farming in no way so surely as soon equalize the supply and demand of manufac-by educating the farmer. As mind triumphs tured fertilizers, and will be able to buy them of lessens. The future improvement of farming depends on brains as well as brawn. We gain dominion over nature just in propor-

ion as we discover and obey her laws." So the professor begins, and then he tells solid truth thus: "To enable our schools to ecomplish better results for agriculture I invite our farmers to do more for the schools, and especially to visit them. Apathy on the part of the parents will neutralize the efforts complish much, but the people, once in earnest, will do more. In our rural districts no class can so effectually advance this great iterest as the farmers."

Here again the nail gets it square on the head : "The most essential service our pubic schools can render for agriculture is to common English branches. These lay the foundation for success in all after work, hether on the farm, in the shop or store. The point of great weakness, even in our olleges, is deficiency in the elementary branches. Thoroughness here means thorwork broad and strong. That done, and school is a welcome place and study becomes such a hungering after knowledge that when one's school days are ended he realizes that pearance, and the disturbed condition thus ris education is just began, and it is the aim and pleasure of his life to educate himself. Even though the milking may sumnon him early in the morning, and the hores detain him late at night, he will seek time and find time for the work of self-im provement. Place him where you will, let his work press as it may, he will find leisure for reading and occupy rainy days and long evenings and all intervals of labor in efforts

give the last meal at night, and kill the next

morning. Fifteen hours is not too long, but

with blood, giving them a dark reddish ap-

occasioned is carried with the steepings of

the rennet into the cheese and affects it very unfavorably. The calves should live

dissolved, and no longer. As the curd dis-

appears the coagulating agent accumulates,

be supposed, but is deposited on the inside

of the stomach, forming a delicate coating

faintly flesh color and very tender, which

breaks off in thin flocculent scales upon-

slight friction. As this coating contains

the concentrated strength of the rennet, it

becomes inflamed and congested

" Reading," says Mr. Northrop, "is by far the most important study taught in our schools. Let a child learn [really learn] to read, and he has the key by which he can

the best results to all industrial classes less ime should be given to complex puzzles and

### Moral and Beligious.

A weary woman, with much to do.
A sorrowini, common story;
Tired and sad, but good and true.
And longing for bone and glory;
Longing to cast her borden down.
The peace of the size attaining,
Longing to war another crown
Than the crown of thorus and paining.

With tears sie watered her pillow white, But a caim at last stole o'er her, And in the womierful drawn of night Jier Savious stood before her. She marked the wound in his blooding side, With its cell tide midinalisations!

And she heard the voice of the Crucified: "Would you came with your work unfin Oh, the grieved rebuke of his gentle eye

Lost in the Pulpit.

not only a means of comparing one fertilizer with another, but as giving them some idea of the cost of production, and then they would not be misled and induced to pay funcy prices from the present (so-called) practical approximate valuations of the agricultural stations. As nitrogen is the most costly ingredient of fertilizers, consumers should know how much of it in the fertilizer is immediately available, and how much is not. They are very particular on this point in regard to phosphoric acid, and in that case it has been demonstrated by soil tests that more depends upon how fine it is ground than upon its immediately available, and point is missed and the discountied preacher, who are solubility. Dry peat yields two and a half demonstrated by soil tests that more depends upon how fine it is ground than upon its immedi-ate solubility. Dry peat yields two and a half per cent of nitrogen, and as peat can be obtained on most farms it would be well to use it in that

Railway signals are positive. At certain

points are seen sign-posts on which appears this word "stop." It is unattended by ad-jective or adverb. It is as condensed as a onts a pound. Prosphoric acid can be obtained, finely ground, from the Charleston phosphates or the German saits. Let the farmers, who use in quantity, buy these and mix them in the proper proportions themselves. Those using in smaller quantities can combine, and in this way they will soon equalize the supply and demand of manufactures at fair prices."

How to Cure Rennets.

We have to thank Mr. J. B. Harris of Autwerp, New York, for the following important article, on the curing of rennets.

Mr. Harris is the instructor selected and employed by the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, in the making and curing of cheese, and his opinions carry much weight: "First, a rennet that is taken from a calf that has never been suckled or fed is rank poison, and should never be saved. The calf should be at least three days old before killing. (1) They are usually in their best condition when the calves are from five to ten days old, but they do not yary much in strength so long as the calves live entirely on milk. As soon as they be gin to live upon solid food, the strength of their stomachs, as rennets, begins to abate. The stomachs of calves five days old are generally preferred by cheese-makers to those of older or younger. To obtain the best runnets, the calf should be allowed to give the last meal at night, and kill the next morning. Fifteen hours is not too long the suck or be fed a moderate meal twelve hours before killing. It is a good way to give the last meal at night, and kill the next morning. Fifteen hours is not too long as the calves hours before killing. It is a good way to give the last meal at night, and kill the next morning. Fifteen hours is not too long as the calves hours before killing. It is a good way to give the last meal at night, and kill the next morning. Fifteen hours is not too long as the calves hours before killing. It is a good way to give the last meal at night, and kill the next morning. Fifteen hours is not too long as the calves hours before killing. It is a good way to give the l

A mother lay dying. Her little son, not knowing of the sorrow coming to him, went, as was his custom to her chamber door, saying: "Please to teach me my verse, mamma, and then kiss me and bid me good mamma, and then kiss me and bid me good night! I am very sleepy, but no one has heard me say my prayers." "Hush!" said a lady who was watching beside her, "your dear mother is too ill to hear your prayers the inght" and coming forward, she sought gently to lead him from the room. Roger began to sob as if his heart would break. "I cannot go to bed without saying my prayers—indeed I cannot." The ear of the dying mother caught the sound. Aithough she had been insensible to everything around her, the sob of her darling aroused her from her stupor, and turning to her friend, she desired her to bring her little son to her. Her request was granted, and the is desirable to preserve as much of it as possible. To this end, the sack, when taken open any door in the temple of science. Isolated as farmers' homes are, reading should
be a never-failing attraction. But when it
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be little pleasure in reading, or interest in
the narrative.

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done in any convenient way, so that it shall not waste by dripping or injure by tainting. does in any convenient way, so that it shall more to the simple ground rules. Master addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, percentage and the keeping of accounts [where is this done in the common schools?] and the rest which is of practical value is easily and quickly gained. Topics never applied in ordinary business fill a large space in arithmetics and waste much precious time. Ex-President Hill of Harvard College, an eminent mathematician, strongly condemns the practice of "stupefying and diagusting pupils with attempts to understand arithmetic as a science while they fall to acquire it as an art."

The string eggs, the fresher the egg the smaller the air-chamber. This can be seen the public school should train our youth in habits of observations, which is the prime secret of success in farming. The teacher who relies upon text books is three thousand years behind Job, who says, 'Ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee, and they shall teach thee, and the street of the same and they shall teach thee, and the street of the service, who does not make a practice of yearly culling.

In may be stretched on a crutched limb, its eads may be tied and indated, or it may be can fix a step—without in some was bedoing on this little battery that flashes the same strength quickly; one strength quickly; one houndred twenty of the strength entirely; therefore they should never be dried on plates or tins round the stove."

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# closets now? How little frequented, and seen when used, how different the sounds that echo round their walls? Where are the days of fasting and supplication? Where are the groanings which cannot be uttered, the strong crying and tears, the continual pleading with God, the ordering of our cause before him, the heaping up of arguments, the speaking with him as friend with friend, the refusing to let him go until the blessing comes?"

The machinery in a large factory was working badly, yet the superintendent could not tell what was the matter. He went from shaft to shaft, from wheel to wheel, from pinion to pulion. He consulted the operatives in each department. He tightened screws, he shortened belts, he oiled bearings. But all in vain. At twelve o'clock he said to his men: "I am going to overhaul this machinery; your wages will overhaul this machinery; your wages will

Rejoiceth Not in Iniquity. is a great deal better for us to converse about pure things than about vile things. If there is really any carrion in our community tainting the air we had better bury it as soon as possible. The sight and smell of it will do no good. It may do us and our children a great deal of harm. I don't want anybody to talk about the faults of others before my little ones. I don't want them to be comforted in their naughtiness by hearing how naughty other people are. And now suppose, instead of talking about these folks and getting our hearts set against them, we go into our closets and pray for them." The spirit of that lady would banish gossip, with all its blighting influence, from society.

Lord Jesus, Come Quickly.

David Livingstone used to say, that the day would come when men of wealth would take more pleasure, and think it more bonor, to support whole stations of missionaries than in spending it on "hounds and horses." Was he visionary, or had he simply the open vision of those whom God makes seers? The evangelization of the world in twenty years is as feasible as the Suez canal or the Mt. Cenis tunnel. There are six hundred millions of the unevangelized to one hundred millions of protestants. If every one of the latter could be depended on to reach six new souls with the gospel in twenty years, the work would be done. But say that ten millions, or one in ten, only shall be found to undertake it. It would need merely that each shall in some way bring the gospel into contact with three souls each Lord Jesus, Come Quickly. el into contact with three souls each

Quality versus Quantity. They were Chancellor Green, Governor Vroom, Judge Dayton and Samuel L. Southard. Here is a lesson for Sunday-school teachers.—Rev. Dr. A. T. Pierson.

Getting Rid of the Bones. the one big bone in it of God's incompre-bensibility, and that was in such plain sight that no one could stumble over it, and grandly served its purpose as strong frame-work to keep the sweet, white, nutritious meat in its place.

#### Alone With Ourselves.

bearings. But all in vain. At twelve o'clock he said to his mee: "I am going to overhaul this machinery; your wages will go on as usual, but you need not come back until I whistle for you." They went away. He stopped the engine, locked all the doors, and then, alone and in silence, began to examine every part of the factory. An hour has passed. It is time to begin work; a hundred men are idle and under pay. No matter; he must find out what the trouble is and stop it. He keeps the engine still and the doors fast until he has finished his examination. He finds a defect where he least expected it; where he might not have dicovered it until it had proved fatal. One of the massive foundation stones had settled, and thrown everything out of plamb, and of course slightly out of gear. This defect was promptly remedied, and then all worked well again. Those were costly hours to the owners of the factory, and yet they were profitable. By being alone with the machinery the superintendent saved it from rack and ruin. Our hearts are like that factory. They are complicated; they are very liable to get out of order. It is not easy to discover what is the matter, amid the hurry and bustle of life, with the steam up, and our fellow-men around us. We must go alone; enter our closets and shut the door. There, in consecrated quietness, we must "think ourselves over." We shall find, no doubt, a defect where we least ex-

that of a Christian lady who would not listen to an evil report; who would say at once to the gossip that brought it: "You may be mistaken; there may be some expla-nation of the matter; we had better not talk about such things even if we know that they are true. Hasn't that person any noble or amiable traits of character? Hasn't he done some good that we can talk about? It is a great deal better for us to converse about cure things than about vile things. If there

When Dr. Robert Finley took into his home at Basking Ridge four lads as pupils in a private school, it was apparently an insignificant undertaking. For a man of his consummate intellectual and moral "It will prove no waste of time or strength if these boys shall make the sort of men that, by God's grace, I mean they shall." So he plodded on, laboriously laying the foundations not of culture only, but of character. Like Arnold at Rugby and Mary Lyon at South Hadley, he taught, first of all, that conscience and the Bible must find in the heart and life a shrine and a throne. He gave these boys a thorough moral training, as well as a thorough intellectual discipline. Who did those four boys afterward become? They were Chancellor Green, Governor

The Religious Herald quotes a lady as saying that when she was a school girl she heard an old minister, who was fond of making homely, practical illustrations, say that reading the Bible was like eating fish. When he came to a hard place he left it and called it bone. When he read the Bible in that way, he found plenty of good, nourishing meat, and never had occasion to choke over the bones; that the older he grew, the fewer bones he found, until, when he came to be an old man with silvery hair, the book that he used to find as full of bones as a Connecticut river shad was like a hallbut with only

Phillips Brooks, in his memorial sermon of Dr. Vinton, gives an account of the latter's conversion. He was driving about the Pomphret hills, a young, raw-boned, biglimbed, skeptical physician, when a judicious physician persuaded him to read. "Butler's Analogy." This book satisfied his reason. Intellectually he was no longer a skeptic. He was called to attend a little girl dying of consumption. She whispered she had something to say to him, but was afraid. When encouraged to say it she confessed that it related to his being at peace with God, and added, "To-morrow morning, when I am stronger, I will tell you." To-morrow morning she was dead. The interest he felt in knowing what the little girl would have said to him led him to that thinking that resulted in experimental piety.

Secondly, the shoes not worth patching up are cut into pieces, the good bits are used for patching other shoes, and the worthless bits, the soles and cracked "uppers," are converted into Jamaica rum by a process only known to the manufacturers. It is said that they are boiled in pure spirits, and allowed to stand for a few weeks, the product far surpassing the Jamaica rum made with essence, burnt sugar and spirits. A gentleman who doubted the truth of this statement stopped recently at a low grog shop in the neighborhood of the factory spoken of, and enquired if they had any rum from old shoes. "No," replied the barkeeper, "we don't keep it much now: the drugglists who want a pure article, all sell it, and the price has gone up. But we have had it, and we can get you some if you want it." How many old shoes go to the gallon of rum could not be ascertained.— The Dome Circle.

I walt within the echoing room.
To greet turne own before I ge.
Mine owe for whom, beside the bessel,
To-day to empty chair was set;
For whom the effect princips was poursel.
While transiting tears the cyclide wet. No foot-fail echoes on the stair,
No shadow fails across the light,
No shadow fails across the light,
No shadow fails across the light,
With the lost mose of delight;
Yet all my rectiess thoughts are stilled,
And, waiting by the hearth alcore.
My longing heart is warmed and filled
With the dear presence of its own.

I know not to what clearer leight,

#### Bressing for the Children.

No picture ought to be bung higher than the height of the average human eye when the owner of the eye is standing. It is the most universal rule in our houses to hang pictures much above this level, and they cannot be enjoyed there. If the picture is a portrait or if it has human faces in it, it eyes should look as nearly into ours as possible; and if there be no such simple guide perhaps a good rule will be to have the line that divides the picture horizontally into equal parts level with the eye. If one starts to hanging pictures with the determination to place them so that they can be easily seen and enjoyed without stretching the neck in the least, or stopping the body, he will be pretty sure to do well. In remote farmhouses and country taverus we often see pictures, particularly portraits, skyed as high as if their owners had been academy hangers, and the painters young rivals of a new school. The simple hearted owners think a "I am glad of a rainy day once in a while," said Mrs. Lake, "especially when I have some work I want to finish off, as we have to-day, Lucia. There will be no one calling to-day, surely, so what is the use of your stopping to dress? Your husband is away for the week, and we can just take our ease in these morning-dresses, and keep on with our sewing." "The boys will be home at three o'clock," said her friend, taking down her wavy hair and proceeding to dress it in her accustomed graceful fashion. I will just remark that it was not done up in "banga" or "frizzes," or snarls of any sort, but was arranged in rich, classic style, which gave her the appearance of the noble, beautiful matron that she was. "Dressing for your boys!" exclaimed the other. "No wonder folks talk of the extravagance of the times, when mothers make such a parade just to meet their school-boys at the teatable," and practical Consin Eunice snipped off a thread in a very engretic manner. if their owners had been academy hangers, and the painters young rivals of a new school. The simple-hearted owners think a The woman who "has no time to read" generally has no inclination to do so. The true book-lover will make time. I once knew one of these women who never took a book into her hands because they are too busy. She spent days in ruffling, tucking and em-broidering, and had no spare moments in which to inform herself of the most ordin-ary topics of the day. I doubt if she knew just to meet their school-boys at the teatable," and practical Cousin Euroice snipped off a thread in a very energetic manner.

"It pays," said the mother quietly, as she took a fresh pair of cuffs and slipped them into a pair of siever-buttons Freeddie had given her on her birthday. He had saved up his pennies to buy those garnet buttons, and he liked to see her wear them, as she did almost every afternoon, although she had prettier ones. Cousin Euroice could dress up richly on occasions, but for the bosom of her family she had a set of "old gears," as William said, which, if they were useful, were not ornamental. The children did not admire mother as they might in those dresses, though she was quite a good-looking woman in good clothes. "But, Lucia, you can't afford to put on that pretty cambric suit which it took such a time to iron. What is the use of mussing it this spelled, judging from her pronunciation of them. In speaking of her lace curtains she invariably called them "curtings;" and once we asked her if she intended to remain once we asked her if she intended to remain in the city through the summer and she replied, "Certainly not; we shall go to the mountings in August." She had very fine taste in the matters of dress, and was called "very stylish;" but if she had spent part of the time in reading and study which she had devoted to dress, what a different influence she might have exerted upon her children, as well as upon the society in which she Lucia, you can't afford to put on that pretty cambric suit which it took such a time to iron. What is the use of mussing it this rainy day?" "I am not going out in the rain, and the duller it is out-of-doors, the more cheefull I like to have it in the house. The boys always like this dress, and I like to see them pleased. Indeed, I think I care much more for the opinion of the folks under my own room than I do for those away. I would rather be admired by my own boys than by an indifferent company in somebody's parlor. And, Eunice, I think all these things help to keep our hold on our boys when they grow older. When they are just passing out of childhood into youth, I feel that they need a mother almost as much as when in the cradle. Indeed, another might have exerted upon her children, as well as upon the society in which she moved. But the mistaken woman thought to fire more have it not. We all need a little mental food daily. We need it as we need air, sunshine, sleep and food. How refreshing to be able to lose ourselves, even for a short time, in the page before us. Let a volume lay beside your work-basket, and if you have five minutes to spare improve the mind. Cultivate a habit of reading if you have it not. We all need a little mental food daily. We need it as we need air, sunshine, sleep and food. How refreshing to be able to lose ourselves, even for a short time, in the page before us. Let a volume lay beside your work-basket, and if you have five minutes to spare improve the mind. Cultivate a habit of reading if you have it not. We all need a little mental food daily. We need it as we need air, sunshine, sleep and food. How refreshing to be able to lose ourselves, even for a short time, in the page before us. Let a volume lay beside your work-basket, and if you have five minutes to spare improve the mind. Cultivate a habit of reading if you have in the to fire a well the mental food daily. We need it as we need air, sunshine, sleep and food. How the form the intervention of a short time, in the page be she might have exert-d upon her children, as well as upon the society in which she moved. But the mistaken woman thought it of more importance to adorn the person than to improve the mind. Cultivate a habit of reading if you have it not. We all need a little mental food daily. We need it as we need air, sunshine, sleep and food. How refreshing to be able to lose ourselves, even for a short time, in the page before us. Let a volume lay beside your work-basket, and if you have five minutes to spare improve them by a peep at its contents.

Women of the Day.

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evening, but sometimes spend an hour at a friend's house, or ask a few boys here. Mother is always importuned to juin in any games or plays, and very often takes a hand with them. "Oh, it would be dreadful to me to feel that my boys were slipping away from mother's influence, and I hope never whose performance employs the very time you would claim, and instead of being ne you would claim, and instead of being ne-glected you are only waiting your turn. Perhaps she comes to you in her rare inter-vals of leisure to be rested and cheered and helped by your affection and sympathy. But is she likely to find cheer or comfort in to know it, even when my head is gray."—
Arthur's Home Magazine. But is she likely to find cheer or comfort in your society if you meet her with doubts, with coldness, or with a sense of injury, and insist on a full account of how she has spent her time, and whether she could not possibly have come before? In nine cases out of ten she will go away feeling that she is injured by what you consider affection, and that your friendship is a trouble rather than a help. I confess I am appalled at the extravagances and extremes of the lives of girls today. On the one hand are the listlessness
and laxiness and uselessness of many lives,
dealing with their bodies as not "more than
raiment," in the perpetual question, "Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" forgetful of
their souls, trifting with what they call their
hearts, and seeking food for their starved
minds only in the intellectual desert of modern fiction writing, whose barren soil drifts
over the earth in endless waves of vapid and
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Testimonial to Mrs. Hayes.

The autograph testimonial album to Mrs. R. B. Hayes by the women of Illinois is finished, and consists of six large volumes of six hundred fifty pages each, bound in full Turkey morroco. The inscription is as follows: "From the ladies of Illinois, who have admired the courage Mrs. Hayes has displayed in the administration of the hospitalities of the Executive Munsion. God grant that the influence of this signal and benign example may be felt more and more as age follows age in the life of this great republic." They contain a dedicatory poem by Mr. Benjamin of Chicago, followed by the autographs of members of the cabinet, chief-justices, governors of nearly all the states, congressmen, city and county officials of Illinois, authors, poets, painters, sculptors, scientific and professional men of all classes, together with representative temperance men and women in all parts of the land. It makes an elegant tetimonial to a most deserving woman. Testimonial to Mrs. Hayes. over the earth in endless waves of vapid and often vicious stories, like sand-storms in the Sahara. I desire not to be misunderstood in either of these statements. St. Paul, in his counsel to women, recognizes the fitness and propriety of their natural instinct and tendency to "adorn themselves." Grace and beauty are part of their power and hold upon the world. Leafage and flower, the sweet-scented snow of orchard bloom, honey in the pink clover cells. The attractiveness the rescented snow of orchard bloom, honey in the pink clover cells, the attractiveness, the re-freshment, the uplifting influence of beauty, are as plainly parts of the divine purpose as the practical service of garnered harvests and in-gathered fruits. And so the mind demands, I believe, the relaxation and relief of light reading as much as the body needs play and rest and the digestion the variety of light food; but to elevate the one into the only aim of life, and the other into the chief occupation of time, is so disproportion-ate as as to turn the industry which wastes

#### The Best Husbands.

the only aim of life, and the other into the chief occupation of time, is so disproportion ate as as to turn the industry which wastes itself upon such trifles into indolence. Ou the other hand is the great body of these women who are busy doing something either better left undone or as utterly without result as it is without effort and without aim. For much that passes for doing to-day is more like days than the whitr of a humming The best husbands I ever met came out of mere fusziness and restlessness of spirit, no more like duty than the whirr of a humming top is comparable to the strong and almost silent sweep of a great driving-wheel. To waste the graciousness of hospitality in weary rounds of fashionable entertainments; to pervert the friendliness of society into a mere rush of calls and cards; to be always talking charity; to flit from one to another meeting of managers of something; to belong to various intellectual associations, whose members are lost in the wandering mazes of women will always be found ready to do it, but which I think, all honest men and brave women would not merely dialike, but ut-terly despise.—Mrs. Mulack Craik.

#### Home Friendships.

members are lost in the wandering mazes of impenetrable thickets of research for some unattainable or valueless discovery; to be getting up continual secular devices for extracting a minimum of benevolence out of a maximum of pleasure—in fact, to be prominent, conspicuous, notorious; to keep yourself before the world, aiming merely at the appearance or the reputation of active and disinterested energy—this is not the doing of a ruler, of a queen. It is only playing do as children on May day with a mock scepter and a momentary throne.—Bishop Donne. maximum of pleasure—in fact, to be prominent, conspicuous, notorious; to keep yourself before the world, aiming merely at the appearance or the reputation of active and disinterested energy—this is not the doing of a ruler, of a queen. It is only playing do a children on May day with a mock acepter and a momentary throne.—Bishop Donns.

Old Shoes.

In the course of the investigation by Mr. Hill's deputies, some singular industries were brought to light. It was found, for its stance, that some use was made of old shoes, but exactly what use was hard to find out large numbers of old shoes were sold by rag-pickers, to certain men who disposad of them at a good price. It is well known that bits of old leather make the commercial article known as Prussian blue, but only a few firms manufacture it, and the new call for old shoes were very year. Formerly old shoes were plentiful in the gutters of certain neighborhoods; now it appears that they are sought after as choice prizes in the rag picker's line. By dint of persevering industry, it was discovered that the old shoes were used for three purposes. First, all shoes not completely worn out are patched, greased, and after being otherwise regener ated, sold to men who deal in such wares. Some persons were one shoe much more than the other; these dealers find mat = for shoes whose original mates are past hope.

Home Friendships.

If we cultivate home friendships with the same assiduity that we give to those outside, they will yield us even richer and fairer returns. There is no friendships on the same assiduity that we give to those outside, they will yield us even richer and fairer returns. There is no friendships or on times, so rich and full in its power of bleasing or so singularly rare in its occurrence, as that between paronts and their grown-up sons and daughters. Where the parental and filal instincts are in its occurrence, as that between paronts and their grown-up sons and daughters. Where the parental and filal instincts are in its occurrence, as that between